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| CELL SAFETY VALVE...    | ) |                  |



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT [IDS]

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir :

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

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[X] 2. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form PTO-1449) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. A copy of each document listed is attached.

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[X] 3. Documents AA-AC are not in the English language. In accordance with \$1.98(c), Applicant(s) states:

[X] A concise explanation of the relevance of documents AA-AC is found in the attached INTERNATIONAL search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

[X] 4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

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